

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: With reference to answer to part (c) may I know whether any attempt has been made to get the information?

Dewan Bahadur L. Venkatakrishnan: I recently came from Madras. Normally the supervisory strength there is 350. But it went up to the phenomenal number of 1000. They were willing to appoint anybody who had some technical skill as supervisor. These people hold their appointments under the special powers of the Chief Engineer and their services are liable to be terminated at a month's notice. I do not expect this honourable House to advise the Travancore Government to follow suit. We should see that only properly qualified people are recruited as Supervisors.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: The answer to part (c) is that the information is not available.

Dewan Bahadur L. Venkatakrishnan: What I was saying is not official information.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: So may I know whether the answer to part (c) is "yes".

Dewan Bahadur L. Venkatakrishnan: What I was saying was not in the capacity of Chief Engineer but it was as Venkatakrishnan. The answer is no in my capacity as Chief Engineer and "yes" in my capacity as Venkatakrishnan.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: My question is whether Government are aware that the diploma holders in Engineering of the Travancore University are appointed as Supervisors in the Madras Service. From the answer given by the Chief Engineer, it is "yes" with an explanation. I ask a further question whether in view of the explanation given by him the answer to part (c) in the printed paper should be "yes"?

President: It is open to the Honourable member to draw his own inference.

Ferry boat at Karumpinpuzha.

49. ***Mr. M. K. Velu Pillai (Quilon cum Kunnattur):** Will the Government be pleased to state how long is it since there was no ferry boat at Karumpinpuzha on the Kallada river?

Dewan Bahadur L. Venkatakrishnan: Since 18-10-1119.

Complaint against the Jetty Superintendent at Kurusumoodu, Quilon.

50. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any complaint against the Jetty Superintendent, Kurisumoodu Jetty Quilon, on 5-4-1120 by the

booking clerk of Messrs. New India Motor Boat Company, alleging that the Jetty Superintendent in company with the watcher attempted at assaulting him on the night of 2-4-1120 ;

(b) whether the Canal Officer made enquiries on the report and took the deposition of the watcher who accompanied the Superintendent ;

(c) whether the Canal Officer or the Sub-Division Officer, Quilon, had submitted their report to the Division Officer after enquiry ;

(d) whether the watcher was suspended for one month for his conduct after that report ;

(e) whether the report of the Canal Officer was to the effect that the complaint was true ;

(f) whether any punishment was given to the Jetty Superintendent for his conduct ;

(g) whether the Division Officer had gone to the Jetty to enquire into the matter ;

(h) whether the Division Officer had received any complaints against the very same Jetty Superintendent from two respectable lady passengers in 1119, that they were detained in the jetty at night without being allowed to get into any of the boats ; and

(i) if so, what action has been taken on the above complaint ?

Dewan Bahadur L. Venkatakrishnan : (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The Sub-Division Officer has submitted a report.

(d) No.

(e) The reports of subordinate officers are confidential.

(f) No.

(g) Yes.

(h) Yes.

(i) The matter was enquired into but the Jetty Superintendent was found to have had no hand in the matter.

Construction of a bridge at Kallukadavoo.

51. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a canal cutting the Karunagapalli-Sasthankotta road at Kallukadavoo ;

(b) whether there are schools, cashewnut factories, etc., on either side of this kadavoo ;

(c) whether this road is one having useful traffic ;

(d) whether there was any sanction for the construction of a bridge at Kallukadavoo at any time before ; and